

MISCANTHUS QUICK GUIDE

Miscanthus cultivars vary widely in their height, bloom time, and appearance. To help choose the best cultivars for your needs, we offer this quick guide that lists key features. If reseeding is a concern, choose cultivars that bloom late in the season; seeds are less likely to form and spread once frosts arrive. Or try Bandwidth, which was bred to be practically infertile.

Ht. (ft.) w/ bloom	Miscanthus cultivar	Bloom time	Habit	Foliage texture	Distinctive features
3	Bandwidth	Late summer	Upright	Fine	Banded gold-green leaves; bred to be infertile; short
3	Little Kitten	Late summer	Mounded	Fine	Small and charming habit fits in tight spaces
3	Little Miss	Midsummer	Mounded	Fine-medium	Compact habit; red foliage; excellent fall color
4	Little Zebra	Early fall	Mounded	Fine	Fast-growing, compact, striped yellow and green
4-4.5	Purpurascens	Midsummer	Upright	Medium	Beautiful red and orange foliage in fall
5	Adagio	Late summer	Mounded	Fine-Medium	Holds green color the longest
6	Morning Light	Early fall	Vase form	Very fine	Elegant form and foliage
6	Huron Sunrise	Late summer	Upright arching	Medium	Profuse bloomer; cold hardy to Zone 4
6	Variegatus	Early fall	Upright-vase	Bold	Bright green/white variegation on wide leaves
6.5	Gold Breeze	Early fall	Bushy upright	Medium	Bright bands of yellow and green; shorter and tighter than 'Strictus'
7	Graziella	Late summer	Upright arching	Fine	More upright than 'Gracillimus', earlier flowers with a silvery bloom
7	Gracillimus	Early fall	Vase form	Fine	Copper red flowers; late fall interest; elegant
8	Strictus	Early fall	Upright	Bold	Excellent specimen plant; year-round interest
8	Zebrinus	Early fall	Upright-loose	Bold	Largest <i>Miscanthus</i> with horizontal variegation; excellent focal point
12	<i>M. x giganteus</i>	Early fall	Upright	Bold	Excellent fall color; great backdrop or accent